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FIRST TRIP UNDER THE RIVER

FINANCIERS AND OTHERS MAKE IT, SWALLOWING AIR.

As It's Best to Blow Your Nose and Chew Gum as Well Under the Circumstances. They Did All Three at Once-A Notable Journey and the Celebration Thereof.

To all practical intent, the building of the first tunnel under the North River is finished. Yesterday evening the workmen finished putting in the last ring of steel plates between the new section of the tunnel and the stub of the old one just out from the French Line pier. Then they knocked in the bulkhead at the end of the old tunnel and exactly at 11:55 o'clock a pathway beneath the river was clear.

Yesterday afternoon a party of eighteen engineers, financiers and officers of the New York and Jersey Railroad, owners of the tunnel, made the first trip from shore to shore beneath the river. With oilskins covering their good clothes, they rode on flat cars from the Jersey side of the tunnel, passed through the air lock-chewing gum and swallowing hard while in the compressed-air chamber-crawled through the four-foot doors in the shield and walked out through the New York shaft.

It was a great occasion, so the American flag was then hoisted above the workings on the New York side, there were a few speeches and then the under river explorers had a bite to eat.

After many diplomatic evasions it was admitted after the trip that the shield pushing eastward encountered the bulkhead of the old tunnel end on Tuesday afternoon, as THE SUN told last Wednesday. So accurate were the engineers' calculations that the Jersey heading met its mate exactly on line as to level and direction. All that remained to be done to make a passage after both ends met was to clear away the bulkflead which had been years ago built into the mouth of the 180

Morton street. The bulkhead was constructed of iron plates backed by a facing of solid timbers supported and plugged with sand bags. The workmen spent two days clearing this away, working in separate gangs, one on the Jersey side and one on the New York side, but not a man crossed the boundary line. George B. Fry, manager of the work, gave strict orders that that privilege should be reserved for more important folk.

feet of old tunnel running out from below

The work was done yesterday morning. President William G. McAdoo was informed by telephone and summoned his party of explorers. They were Mr. McAdoo himself, W. G. Oakman, vice-president of the New York and Jersey Railroad Company; Charles M. Jacobs, chief engineer; John Skelton Williams and G. Tracy Rogers, directors; W. Barclay Parsons, chief engineer of the Rapid Transit Commission; Thomas N. McCarter, president of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey; J. Vipond Davies, the tunnel engineer: Francis R. Pemberton, C. Sidney Shepard, Edward R. Greene, Hall Park McCullough, W. H. Moir of S. Pearson & Son, London, whose company yesterday got the contract to construct the East River section of the Pennsylvania tunnel; Charles W. King, secretary of the company; Kenyon B. Conger, Dr. A. J. Loomis, Manager Fry and Robert Courtney, superintendent of the south tunnel.

The party met at the foot of Morton street at 3 o'clock and cre City works on a tug. The first 4,000 feet of the journey through the tunnel was made on flat cars drawn by cable. When the air lock at the end of the brick tunnel, completed twenty odd years ago, was entered, everybody was supplied with chewing gum and instructed in the art of blowing the nose and swallowing, which relieves the unpleasant sensation in the ears caused at first by the compressed Ten minutes were spent in the air lock while the pressure was gradually brought up to twenty pounds.

Somebody discovered that by blowing the nose and swallowing at the same time it was easier so everybody chewed away at a great rate in the compressed air and there was one continuous sound of nose blowing all the way across.

Rubber boots and oilskins had been donned in the Jersey works, and when the shield was reached the party crawled through the openings in it. The tall ones had some trouble in getting through its four-foot passageway without dropping on all fours in the mud, but they did it.

The air chamber at the New York end s a boilerlike contrivance set at the top of the shaft. Its bottom drops down into the tunnel elevator fashion. On it ten men can crowd at once. The party made the passage through the air lock to the outer air in two sections, two minutes being spent in taking off the pressure.

The first man to cross the line between the two bores was President McAdoo Vice-President Walter G. Oakman and Charles M. Jacobe, chief engineer, were next. Then followed John S. Williams and G. Tracy Rogers, and after them the

As soon as the outer air was reached President McAdoo and Chief Engineer Jacobs sent the flag to the pole topping the big derrick over the shaft, and the Christopher street commuters, seeing it, cheered, knowing that the bore was com-

Then something to eat and drink was spread in the shaft house. President McAdoo made a speech to the tunnel workers and gave them to-day and to-morrow off

with full pay. The old New York section of the tunne is of brick, as is the first 2,000 feet of the Jersey end. The iron shell construction, which has been followed by the present company, makes a tube of approximately the same diameter as the inside of the brick tunnel. The brick and iron have not yet been properly joined and it will be some days before this work is completed, but the two ends make a tight enough joint to keep the water out.

Luck Prevents a Bank Robbery.

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 11.-While burglars were at work in the National Bank at Elnora early this morning, a crosse telephone wire caused a bell in the building o ring repeatedly. Evidently thinking that it was a burglar alarm, the robber ran away. The safe had been drilled and nitroglycerine and a fuse had been inserted. There was over \$25,000 in the

A Literary Sensation ne" to the Widow of the Poet Shelley, in The York Times Sunday.—Adv. DR. HANNA WEDS IN HASTE. Cousin of the Late Senator Marries Mis Houser on Skyseraper's Top.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 11 .- Dr. John J. Hanna, a cousin of the late Senator Hanna, and Miss Georgiana Houser of Lincoln, Ill., were married here this afternoon on the summit of the Hibernia Trust Building, a fourteen story skysoraper. The bride's mother was sick at their temporary home in this city and knew nothing of the wedding, which was a sudden inspiration of the bride.

J. K. Gannon, president of the Hibernia Trust Company; J. D. Longan, an influential bull on the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, and Dr. G. L. Dorrand, former partner of

Dr. Hanna, were the only guests.

The couple were out walking when they suddenly decided to get married. They telephoned for a minister, secured witnesses and a license and were married in street dress within an hour after they decided upon the step.

Hanna and Miss Houser have known each other since childhood and corresponded since he moved to the South. They met four days ago for the first time in years and became engaged. The wedding was quiet because of the death of Senator Hanna, and at such a place because the bride stated that she wanted to do something original.

CROWDED BALCONY FALLS.

200 Spectators at a Basketball Game Drop Ten Feet-Four Hurt.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 11 .- A section f a balcony fell with 200 occupants tonight during a basketball game in Cooper Battalion Hall, at Twenty-third and Christian streets. As the balcony fell to the floor ten feet below, several women in other sections of the balcony screamed and fainted.

There was a rush of spectators to escape from the remaining portion of the gallery, and for a time a stampede occurred that only missed being a panio by an exceed-

ingly small margin. While many were slightly injured, only one spectator had to be sent to a hospital, and there were only three others whose injuries were of a character that led the police

to ask their names and addresses. The accident occurred during a basketball game between the teams known as St. Anthony's and the Greystocks. The score stood 14 to 13 and excitement was high owing to the rivalry between the teams. The balcony was divided into three sections, only one of which collapsed.

DUNN GO TO ARIZONA?

He Can Be Secretary of the Territory If He Will. It's Said-Platt Here.

Senator Platt came here last night from Washington and when he reached the Fifth Avenue Hotel, just before 5 o'clock, there were many waiting to see him. The Senator sent word to reporters last night that he was tired and whatever he might wish to say about the situation in this State would have to wait until to-day.

At the botel the gossips said that Senator Platt had come to talk with Chairman George W. Dunn of the Republican State committee. There was also a rumer that Col. Dunn, if he desires it, can be Secretary of the Territory of Arizona.

BINGHAMTON, March 11.-When asked to-night if he is to be appointed Secretary of the Territory of Arizona Col. Dunn said: "I can't tell you anything about it." Col. Dunn would neither confirm nor deny the report that such an office had been offered to him.

MURDER TRIED TO HIDE CRIME? Suspicion That Mrs. Bolin Is Not a Suicide.

as Was First Supposed. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 11 .- An inquiry was begun to-day to determine whether or not the wife of William Bolin, State Secretary of the Socialist party, was murdered and her mouth burned with carbolic acid to give the impression that

she committed suicide Mrs. Bolin was found dead in her kitchen by her husband at 3 A. M. one day last week. The family physician said that she had taken carbolic acid and the death was reported as a suicide.

The day after the funeral Mrs. Bolin's little daughter told a neighbor that she awoke on the night her mother died and that a man in the room told her that if she did not keep still she would "swallow some of this, too."

The neighbors say that Mrs. Bolin, as she lay dead in the kitchen, gave no indication of having died in great agony, such as attends death from carbolic acid, and it is charged that she was murdered and the drug placed in her mouth that the burns

ANTI-FLIRTING BILL LOST. It Passed Mississippi Senate, but Repre

sentatives Won't Have It. NEW ORLEANS, March 11 .- The Mississippi House of Representatives will not concur in the anti-flirting or goo-goo eyes bill that has already been passed by the State Senate, the Judiciary Committee having reported strongly against the measure as tampering with a dangerous ques-

The bill provides penalties for flirting with schoolgirls in any manner, whether by word, look or sign. One provision even prohibits goo-goo eyes, and holds that, no matter if the girls themselves should smile at them, the boys must return a

stony stare. About two-thirds of the House members are unmarried men, and the committee dared not go before that body with a favorable report. The Senate is composed mainly of married men and they favored the antifirting measure.

PROBE X-SCIENCE DEATH. Pneumonia Kills an Infant Who Received

Only "Absent Treatment."

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 11 .- County Solicitor Kelley and Medical Referee Lance are investigating the death of an infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Davidson of Foss Beach, Rye, which received Christian cience treatment by Miss Ada G. White of this city. According to Miss White the

child had practically no care. She said she was called on Sunday and found the infant suffering from a cold. As she was busy, she says she gave him "absent treatment" until Wednesday evening, when she went to Rye and found that the child had died.

Dr. Lance found that the child had evidently died of pneumonia and from lack of proper care. The parents were strict

> A Sage Answer "Give me Usher's."-Adv.

BOY HIGHWAYMEN CAUGHT

HELD UP A NURSE WHEN TWO DETECTIVES WERE LOOKING.

Miss Allen of St. Luke's Hospital Robbed Twice Within a Week on Upper Broadway-17-Year-Old Crooks Boast of Crimes-A Mother's Letter Unheeded.

A young highwayman caught in the act of robbing Miss Elizabeth Allen, a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, and his two accomplices were arrested last night on West 115th street by Detectives McEvoy and

Zimmerman. It was Miss Allen's second experience

within a week. She was walking through 115th street near Broadway, on Thursday night at o'clock when a young man suddenly rushed up to her and made a grab for her chateine bag, containing \$12. The nurse fought hard to protect herself, but the robber was too strong and, after giving her a blow in the face, pulled the bag from her belt

and escaped. Two other young men came up to her and said they had heard her cries for help. She told them of the robbery, and they said they knew her assailant, and that he was a bad man. They said they had heard of his holding up others in the neighborhood, and that they would report the case

to the police. Miss Allen went to the police yesterday and reported the case. Last night Detectives McEvov and Zimmerman had her go over the same ground with a large pocketbook in her hand. They followed a short distance behind. When she reached 114th street a young man jumped out of the darkness and made a grab for the pocketbook.

The nurse caught him by the coat and held on until McEvoy came up. Two other men came up, evidently thinking that some citizen had gone to the aid of the nurse. Detective Zimmerman grabbed both of them, and the three young men were taken to the station.

There they gave the names of Vivian Brewer, 17 years old, of 217 East Twentythird street; Emil Wasserman, 17 years old, of 1470 Fifth avenue; and Walter Nathan of 213 East Thirteenth street. They were questioned by the police and said they had held the nurse up Thursday night, and admitted that they had been in trouble before for the same offence. Wasserman's picture is in the rogues' gallery. He had policeman's billy in his pocket which he said they had for use in case they were attacked.

Young Brewer had several letters from his mother, in which she begged him to lead a better life and give up his bad associates The letters were addressed to 208 East 121st street, where he said he had lived last in a furnished room.

Other nurses of St. Luke's Hospital have complained to the police of the West 125th street station of having been robbed in the same neighborhood.

POST OFFICE BARS DAN SMITH. letther Racing Tipster Nor Partner Can

Use the Mails—They Pocket the Bets. WASHINGTON, March 11 .- Postmaster-General Payne to-day issued an order denying the use of the mails to Dan Smith, the race tipster. Use of the mails is also denied to E. L. Martin, Smith's betting commissioner, and the Racing Expert, a sporting paper of which Smith is the proprietor,

The inspectors who investigated the case reported that Smith advertised that money forwarded to Martin could be bet by him

on the tips furnished by Smith. The inspectors reported that Martin did not bet the money, but kept it in his pocket and "took a chance." According to the report, this chance wasn't very uncertain, as most of Smith's clients lost with great

regularity. Smith had three offices in New York, and offices in Washington, Saratoga, New Orleans, Chicago and St. Louis. The fraud order issued to-day against him is in line with the recently adopted policy of the Department as announced by Assistant Attorney-General Robb, that is, denying the mails to the tipsters who offer to play

money for their clients. Arnold & Co., the J. J. Ryan Company. Maxim & Gay Co. and other racing, tipping and "turf investment" concerns, have already been barred from the mails, and the Department intends to continue its investigations in the various cities until not one of the "sure thing" racing schemes for separating the public from its money remains in operation.

BID DR. RAINSFORD TO DEBATE. Socialists of Westchester Want to Him Some Questions.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., March 11 .- A. committee of the socialists of New Rochelle, Yonkers and Port Chester to-day sent a letter to the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, rector of St. George's Church of New York, challenging him to a joint debate on what they term "The Irreconcilable Conflict of Interest Between the Employing Class and

the Working Class." The challenge grows out of an address Dr. Rainsford made last Sunday before the New Rochelle people's forum on the subject: "Some Points Upon Which the Employers and Labor Unions Ought to Agree. It is customary at the addresses and debates in the forum for the audiences to ask questions to be answered by the speaker. Dr. Rainsford was in such haste to get a train to New York that as soon as his speech was over he rushed off to the railroad station and didn't give his questioners a chance If Dr. Rainsford accepts the committee will choose as its representative John Spargo, editor of The Comrade of New York city, and the debate will be held in the New

Rochelle Theatre. CITY HALL IN BAD SHAPE. Leaks in the Roof, Foul Odors From Belov

-Ahearn to Fix It. Borough President Ahearn received vesterday from the Health Board a report on the condition of the City Hall. report points out many defects. It says that the bad smells in the building come from an underground pipe gallery which runs just beneath the tile floor in the basement. Much of the plumbing is out of order and cracked. The roof leaks and the roof gutters are foul. The skylights leak and the clock tower is so full of holes that wonder is expressed at the clock's ability to go at all. The ventilation generally is condemned. Recommendations covering all these points were sent to Mr. Ahearn. He will now go ahead with repairs, for which he has received \$15,000.

SLIGHT TO SANTO DOMINGO. Admiral Dewey's Party Arranged to Cal

on Morales; Left Without Doing So.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. SANTO DOMINGO, March 11 .- The conerted cruiser Mayflower, with Admiral Dewey and Assistant Secretary of State Loomis on board, arrived here yesterday, and after exchanging national salutes arrangements were made for a visit to President Morales at 4 o'clock

The President, with his staff and prominent military and naval officers, was at the palace at that time waiting for Admiral Dewey and his party, but, without any excuse being sent, the Mayflower, with its high officials aboard, sailed away, leaving the President waiting at the palace until 6 o'clock before he was advised of their departure.

No reason is known here for the action of

the Americans. HAVANA, March 11 .- The American cruiser Mayflower, with Admiral Dewey and Assistant Secretary of State Loomis on board, reached here to-day. Mr. Loomis dined with Minister Squiers to-night. To-morrow a party of eight, accompanied by Minister Squiers, will call on President Palma. The Mayflower is expected to sail Sunday. Mr. Loomis expects to reach Washington about Friday.

WATER FAMINE IN PITTSBURG. Fire Protection Is Seriously Hampered -Rich and Poor Fight at a Spring.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 11 .- Pittsburg has a water famine. This morning many residents of the East End found not a drop of water in the pipes. The high parts of the city are without water, as is a great part of Hazelwood, and the worst is feared for the rest of the city, should the rains of last night swell the rivers to any perceptible extent.

Director Bigelow of the Department of Public Works says he cannot foresee the end, as another flood at this time, be it ever so light, would complete the trouble which a foreign substance in the water for

the last week has begun. Fully 1,000 persons clamored and fought about the Howe spring, in the East End, this morning, trying to get water. Wives and daughters of millionaires jostled the poor, and hostlers and merchants fought with pails and cans. A riot call was sent in and a platoon of police was sent to the spring There is no fire protection and only water enough for 200,000 persons.

MONEY GOES TO CHURCH AT LAST. Special Act to Give Sarah McGowan's

Savings to St. Peter's. Gov. Odell has signed a bill which will release to St. Peter's Episcopal Church in West Twentieth street, \$1,500 now in the Bowery Savings Bank, the income from which the late Miss Louise Babcock used

to dele out in soal and provisions to the poor of the parish. Miss Babcock died five years ago. She had been for a score of years a worker in the church and was a teacher in the Sunday school. Some years before Miss Babcock's death, Sarah McGowan, an old servant, left to her \$1.50 savings to be used in church

As she had no relatives and as Miss Babcock had long been her friend she left the

sickness had compelled her to abandon her active work in the parish, she gave her rector, the Rev. Dr. Olin S. Roche, power of attorney to use the money Neither she nor the rector knew that the power of attorney would be invalidated at her death and no further action was taken to secure the fund to the church.

To straighten matters Senator Dowling drew up the bill releasing to the church the interest of the people in the money which otherwise would have reverted to the State.

SUBWAY TO OPEN IN JUNE. Roosevelt to Be Asked to Ride Through I First, and Great Rejoicing Planned.

The new Manhattan subway is to be opened in June. The date has been definitely fixed, and as one member of the Rapid Transit Commission said vesterday some of the men who are to speak at the opening have already begun to prepare heir speeches.

The opening is to be the occasion of an elaborate celebration. Its nature, even in a general way, could not be ascertained yesterday, but it is intended to make it nemorable in the history of the city.

President Roosevelt and his Cabinet are to be invited and invitations will also be sent to the Mayors of the principal cities. The delayed subway power house is now nearly finished. Contractor McDonald expects to be able to run experimental trains

through the subway some time next month. From Chief Engineer Parsons of the Rapid Transit Commission it was learned yesterday that good progress is being made on the extension to Brooklyn. The work of excavating from the Post Office to the Battery has been pushed with such speed that the contractors have already begun to build the platforms of the two stations at Fulton and Wall streets. Work on the extension to Brooklyn was begun

FOUR HURT WHILE COASTING. Sled Crashes Into a Lamppost—Two High School Girls May Die.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., March 11 .- A coasting party of High School girls collided with a lamppost at the foot of Court House Hill in Lenox this evening. Four were seriously injured and two of them, Hazel Crosby and Crissie Henry, will probably die. The latter has a fractured skull. Miss Crosby was steering a heavy bodsled down the hill and lost control of it.

DEATH HINT FOR SLEUTH.

McGuire, Who's Been Arresting Tenderloin Women, Gets Picture of Skull by Mail.

Tom McGuire, a Tenderloin sleuth, who has been getting evidence against disorderly houses and arresting street walkers since Capt. Cottrell went to the Tenderloin, received a postal card yesterday. On the back were two sets of skulls and crossbones, which had evidently been cut from bottles that had contained poison.

Famous French Band for St. Louis Special Cable Despatch to THE SUE. PARIS, March 11.-The Journal says i is probable that the band of the Repub-lican Guard will be sent to the St. Louis

BUFFALO BILL SEEKS DIVORCE.

CHARGES THAT HIS WIFE TRIED TO KILL HIM IN 1900.

And Says That Their Relations Are Intolerable-She Denies His Allegation and Believes That He Desires to Marry a Younger Wife-Will Resist the Sutt.

Cody, "Buffalo Bill," the scout, hunter and was sentenced to three years imprisonhero of frontier tales, has brought suit for divorce from his wife, with whom he has lived for thirty-eight years. He charges that she tried to poison him

DENVER, Col., March 11.-Col. William F.

n December, 1900, that their relations are intolerable and she is incompatible. Mrs. Cody, who is a Catholic, will resist the suit. The action was begun in Wyoming several weeks ago, but the papers were suppressed until to-day. Mrs. Cody, who is wealthy and has

large farm at North Platte, Neb., denied the charge of attempted poisoning named in the divorce complaint. She said: "I suppose Will wants a young wife.

one who will bear him an heir, for our boys are all dead. I know there is a young woman whom he has been taking around the country for several years, and who, I understand, is now in Washington. "Whether he expects to marry her, I do not know, but I do know that he can't

name. He shall not have a divorce. "I have often asked him to take me to England, but he always had some excuse for not doing so; either he could not afford it or he considered it unwise for both of us to endanger our lives on the water, as we had so many interests that some one

cast me off. I shall fight to protect my

must look after. "But he usually could afford to take some other woman. One of his trips was pretty expensive, however. It cost \$50,000 to get out of his entanglement.

"Will is one of the kindest and most generous men I ever knew. When he was sober he was always considerate and gentle. If I had him to myself now, there would be no trouble. His environments have caused him to put this upon me. It is not like him to do such a thing."

NO SERVICE PENSION BILL.

The House May Pass One, but It Will No Be Allowed to Pass the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 11.-During the past three months, since it became apparent that the Republican leaders in the House of Representatives had determined that they must yield to the pressure of the soldier organizations throughout the coun try and report a service pension bill, the President has been urged by influential Senators and others to prevent such action

The administration rather lent its sup port to the movement for a service pension bill at the start, but lately has given it the

Now it is semi-officially announced that he service pension advocates will cease their efforts for the present. The meaning of this is that it is being urged upon vote against a bill if presented, but who against associating the two races. believe that the proposed raid on the treasury would be disastrous politically, that law of 1890 could by a new ruling, involving a broad interpretation, be made of veterans who now seek admission to should be done. There is more than senti-

the pension rolls. he fight until it can be determined whether a new ruling to fit the situation can be made. If not, a service pension bill of a sweeping character will be reported from the House Committee on Invalid Pensions just before the close of the session and passed. It will not be allowed to pass the Senate, however, at least not this ses-

ACCUSE CUSTOM HOUSE BROKER

Munroe, President of a Big Firm, Is Indicted for Smuggling Frauds in Boston. Boston, March 11. - The indictment y the Federal Grand Jury of William Munroe, president of the firm of Stone & Downer, the largest custom house brokers in New England, as an accomplice in smuggling frauds with James A. Shedd and John W. Trafton, two of the oldest examiners at this port, was the outcome of

the custom house investigation here. The indictment of the three member of the Glasgow Manufacturing Company, Samuel Grunberg, Charles A. Baitler and Simon Burman, who were arrested on Oct. 30 last, was expected, but the im plication of Munroe in the same series of

transactions came as a surprise. All six men, it is alleged, conspired to defraud the Government out of large sums of money upon importations of merchandise

through the port of Boston. The alleged conspiracy dates back to December, 1901, when, according to the indictment, Munroe and the three members of the Glasgow company planned with Trafton and Shedd to get goods through this port without the payment of legitimate

value.

The conspiracy is alleged to have been carried out on Jan. 18, 1902, when a consignment of lace embroideries from Switzerland was passed by Shedd as edging. Other transactions of a like nature are alleged to have occurred since that date.

Shedd and Trafton were suspended four months ago. Munroe and the two examiners were held in \$5,000 bail until hext Wednesday.

WILD GOOSE IN CENTRAL PARK. Policeman Finds One Frozen in the Ice Under the Pond Bridge.

When Detective Conroy of the Arsenal police station in Central Park was crossing the stone bridge over the pond yesterday morning, his attention was attracted by the bridge. The goose was frozen in the ice, and was

making frantic efforts to save itself from death by freezing. The detective liberated Mrs. Banigan Sues for Separation

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 11 .- Mrs Mary C. Banigan, wife of John J. Banigan the millionaire son of the late Joseph Banigan, has sued her husband for limited divorce or separation with custody of her children. Both are Catholics, and the action taken comes within the law of the Church, which permits separation of the nature asked for

A Literary Sensation

RUSSIA'S HOME TROUBLES. Nihilists Sentenced to Death-Many Str

dents Arrested. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. St. Petersburg, March 11.-The trial of he Nihilists concluded here yesterday. Herschuny and Grigorieff and a student of the name of Melnikoff were condemned to death.

Three others were sentenced to four years penal servitude. A female student ment. The tribunal recommended that the Czar commute Grigorieff's sentence It is believed that some of the others will be reprieved.

The revolutionary party organized a demonstration at Tver on March 6. They marched through the streets carrying anti-Government and pro-Japanese banners Thirty arrests were made.

Political disturbances at the Odessa University have resulted in the arrest of 210 students, the rustication of 170 and the permanent expulsion of 62.

MUST PAY FOR A SPOILED GOWN.

Appeal by Restauranter Sherry Falls to Shift Responsibility.

Judgment for \$100, obtained by Mrs. lara Block against Louis Sherry, the restaurant keeper, in the Seventh District municipal court, was affirmed esterday by Supreme Court Justices Siegerich and Freedman, sitting in the Appellate Term. The \$100 is for the cost a gown upon which a waiter spilled a lass of ice water. Mrs. Block contended hat her dress was ruined. Mr. Sherry tried to show that she caused the accident herself, and anyway that he was not responsible for it.

BOB AMMON CAN'T GET OUT.

Justly Sent to Jall. Says the Court, for Profiting by the \$20 Per Cent. Swindle. The conviction of Col. Bob Ammon, who s serving a sentence in Sing Sing for his

share in William F. Miller's 520 per cent. syndicate swindle, was unanimously af-firmed yesterday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. The Court says that there is absolutely nothing in the objections to warrant consideration and that the charge of receiving stolen money against Ammon seems to have been amply proved.

COLOR LINE AT THE SCAFFOLD.

Pitisburg's Sheriff Resents Order to Hang Negro and White Man Together. PITTSBURG, March 11.-Sheriff Dickson nas received an order from Gov. Penny-

packer to hang William L. Hartley and

lames Edwards on the same day, and is nuch disturbed over it: "Under the circumstances," he said, "it strikes me as entirely improper that the two men should be hanged at the same time. One is a white man and the other

the Administration by those who could not | a negro, and there is a natural prejudice They were never together in their life, and that is another reason why they should not meet death together. Of all places in the world, the scaffold is one where nothing to take in nearly if not all of that class that could offend the condemned man

ment in this, there is humanity."

BROKER MAHONEY A SUICIDE. Boston Man. Who Made and Lost a Fortune

BRAINTREE, Mass., March 11 .- James J Mahoney, 55 years old, a Boston broker and formerly a lobbyist, committed suicide here to-day by throwing himself in

front of a train. Mr. Mahoney was treasurer of the Kruge Copper and Silver Mining Company at 131 State street, Boston. He was a leader among curb stock brokers in State street and during the boom four or five years ago accumulated a fortune, although considerable of it was on paper.

He did not take warning when the slump in stocks began, but continued to invest in mining stocks, which drained his resources Lately Mr. Mahoney's dealings in stocks have been small. He continued in fairly good spirits until four weeks ago, when he was examined by physicians who told him that his heart was in bad shape and that it would be necessary for him to give up smoking. Since then he has not spent

LOOK TOO MUCH LIKE MONEY. Christian Endeavor Company's Stock Cer-

more than an hour a day in his office.

tificates Will Be Confiscated. St. Louis, March 11 .- The company which is erecting the Christian Endeavor Hotel, near the world's fair grounds issued certificates of membership which, when printed, were found to be facsimiles of United States currency. To-day M. L. Thomas of Kansas City, an assistant of Chief Wilkie of the Secret Service, arrived in St. Louis to investigate the stock certifi-

cates, and later announced that he would confiscate the entire issue. B. F. Brandt, secretary of the Christian Endeavor Hotel Company, called at the Sub-Treasury and asked if the company is violating the law in issuing the certificates He was informed that the similarity of the notes to United States currency came within reach of the law and they must be with-

drawn. A new design will be substituted. POISONED, POLICE SAY.

Minnie, Last Name Unknown, Dies in the Hospital-Her Paramour Arrested. woman who was known only as Minnie and who lived with John Roman, a Cuban, at 118 West Third street, was taken from there last night to St. Vincent's Hospital, where she died. The police thought she

had been poisoned. Roman, who was arrested, said she had been drinking hard for four days and he had not been near the place. He is employed by a family in West Eighth street. The hospital people wouldn't tell what they thought had caused the woman's

Japanese Lean for Home Railways. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

death.

TOKIO, March 11.-The Government i entemplating a foreign loan for extending the home railways, for which commercial and industrial men are pressing. The funds that were originally contemplated to be used for this purpose have been absorbed by the war.

SUNK IN BATTLE,

Each Side Loses Ship in Port Arthur Fight Yesterday.

RUSSIANS BEGIN ATTACK.

New Commander Sends Torpedo Boats Out to Engage Japs.

Five of the Six Get Back Safely-One Sinks as Japanese Cruisers Surround Her, Preventing a Rescue by Admiral Makaroff-Japanese Fleet Also Bombards the Port Flercely-Russian Report Says Torpedo Sank One of the Enemy's Boats-Some Killed and Wounded in the Engagements-Japas nese Also Made Some Captures From Sinking Bost-Movements of the Land Forces Much in Doubt.

Some hot fighting occurred at Port Arthur yesterday. The Russians took the offensive for the first time and admit losing a torpedo boat in the attack on the Japanese fleet. They assert, however, that a Japanese ship was sunk.

This engagement took place early in the merning, and the Russian flotilla was obliged to return to the harbor. There was some loss of life. The Russian report names a number of officers who were wounded. The report of Admiral Alexieff also in-

fleet, but it is not clear whether he refers to Thursday's engagement or to a new one. News of the movements of the land forces s indefinite.

cludes a description of a fierce bombard-

ment of Port Arthur by Admiral Togo's

As indicated in THE SUN yesterday, there is likely to be some trouble over the Russian plan to blockade the port of Newchwang. The commander of the United States gunboat there has already filed a protest. The question of the neutrality. of the port will now be argued.

HOT FIGHTING AT PORT ARTHUR. Bussians Attack and Each Side Loses a Boat-Japs Then Bombard.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, March 11 .- For the first ime since the outbreak of hostilities the Russian navy at Port Arthur to-day took the offensive. The torpedo flotilla left the harbor during the night and this morning attacked the Japanese fleet.

EACH SIDE LOSES A BOAT. The Czar has received this report of the fighting from Admiral Alexieff, who is at Mukden: "Admiral Makaroff, commanding the

fleet, reports from Port Arthur that six

torpedo boats which went to sea on the night of March 10, four being under the general command of Capt. Matoussevitch, encountered the enemy's torpedo boats, followed by cruisers. "A hot action ensued, in the course of

which the torpedo boat Vlastnyi discharged a Whitehead torpedo and sank one of the enemy's torpedo boats. "On the way back the torpedo boat Stereguschtchi, commanded by Lieut. Sergueiff, was damaged, her engine being disabled. She began to founder. Five of the tor-

pedo boats returned at 8 o'clock this morn-"When the critical position of the Stereguschtchi became evident I [Makaroff] hoisted my flag on the Novik and went with the Novik to the rescue, but as five of the enemy's cruisers were surrounding our torpedo boat and as a battleship squadron was coming up I did not succeed in saving the Stereguschtchi, which foundered. Part of her crew were made prisoners.

"On the ships which took part in the night attack one officer was seriously wounded. Three were slightly wounded, while two soldiers were killed and eighteen wounded. "In the fight between our torpedo boats and Japanese cruisers Capt. Matoussevitch. Ensign Alexandroff and Mechanical Engineer Blinoff were slightly wounded. Ensign Zaeff was severely wounded in the

and part were drowned.

head, with the loss of his right eye." THE JAPANESE BOMBARD. "At 9 o'clock fourteen of the enemy's ships assembled before Port Arthur and began a bombardment with the heavy guns of their battleship squadron at long range. This lasted until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It is estimated that the enemy fired 164 twelve-inch shells. The damage to our vessels was insignificant, and they are ready

for battle. One officer was slightly wounded One soldier was killed and four wounded. "The illumination of the sea at night by the searchlights of our batteries was most satisfactory. Several times isolated shots from the batteries forced the enemy's

torpedo boats to retire. "On the commencement of the bombardment at dawn the guns of the fortress replied to the enemy's fire. The crews of all the ships engaged gave proof of remarkable coolness. Below decks the work of the day followed its ordinary course in spite of shells falling between the vessels and

covering them with fragments. A bombardment from such a distance must be considered ineffective. The Japanese cruiser Takasago is reported to have been seen to suffer serious damage, the extent of which, however, it was impossible to discover at fifty cables' dis